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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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**INVENTORSHIP IDENTIFICATION**

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below, next to my name. I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (If only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (If plural names are listed below) of the subject matter that is claimed, and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**TITLE OF INVENTION: GAME BALL WITH A URETHANE GUM RUBBER SURFACE**

**SPECIFICATION IDENTIFICATION**

the specification of which:

- (a) ☒ is attached hereto.
- (b) \_\_\_\_\_ was filed on \_\_\_\_\_, as Serial No. 08/\_\_\_\_\_ and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_.
- (c) \_\_\_\_\_ was described and claimed in PCT International Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed on \_\_\_\_\_ and as amended under PCT Article 19 on \_\_\_\_\_.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF REVIEW OF PAPERS AND DUTY OF CANDOR**

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information, which is material to patentability as defined in 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56,

☒ and which is material to the examination of this application, namely, information where there is a substantial likelihood that a reasonable Examiner would consider it important in deciding whether to allow the application to issue as a patent, and  
 \_\_\_\_\_ in compliance with this duty, there is attached an information disclosure statement, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98.

**PRIORITY CLAIM (35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d))**

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §§119(a)-(d) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed.

- (d) ☒ no such applications have been filed.
- (e) \_\_\_\_\_ such applications have been filed as follows.

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PRIOR FOREIGN/PCT APPLICATION(S) FILED WITHIN 12 MONTHS (6 MONTHS FOR DESIGN)  
PRIOR TO THIS APPLICATION AND ANY PRIORITY CLAIMS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d)

COUNTRY (OR INDICATE IF PCT)	APPLICATION NUMBER	DATE OF FILING (day, month, year)	PRIORITY CLAIMED UNDER 37 USC 119
			YES NO

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

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I hereby claim the benefit, under Title 35, United States Code, § 120, of any United States application(s) or PCT international application(s) designating the United States of America that is/are listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in that/those prior application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information.

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\_\_\_\_ and that is material to the examination of this application, namely, information where there is a substantial likelihood that a reasonable examiner would consider it important in deciding whether to allow the application to issue as a patent, that occurred between the filing date of the prior application(s) and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

In compliance with this duty, there is attached an information disclosure statement, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98.

**POWER OF ATTORNEY**

I hereby appoint the following practitioner(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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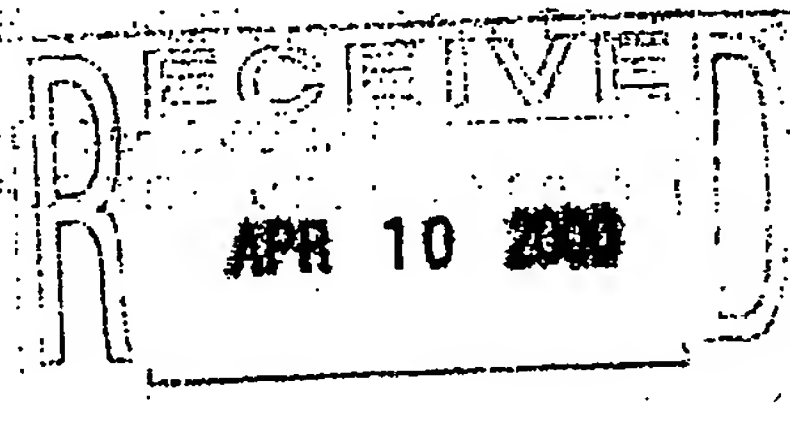
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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS we, Brian Feeney of 9 Broad Leaf Lane, Enfield, Connecticut 06082, U.S.A.; Thomas J. Kennedy, III of 3 Mirick Lane, Wilbraham, Massachusetts 01095, U.S.A.; and R. Dennis Nesbitt of 70 Deer Path Lane, Westfield, Massachusetts 01085, U.S.A. have invented a new product entitled,

GAME BALL WITH A URETHANE GUM RUBBER SURFACE, and,

WHEREAS an application for Letters Patent of the United States has been filed on even date herewith.

SPALDING SPORTS WORLDWIDE, INC., a corporation of Delaware, with its principal place of business at 425 Meadow Street, Chicopee, Massachusetts 01013, is desirous of acquiring certain rights thereunder,

NOW THEREFORE, for one dollar (\$1) to us in hand paid by SPALDING SPORTS WORLDWIDE, INC., we have agreed to and do hereby sell, assign, and set over to said SPALDING SPORTS WORLDWIDE, INC., its successors or assigns, our entire right, title and interest in, to and under said invention and any Letters Patent of the United States of America and/or any country foreign thereto, including any and all divisionals, continuing applications, substitute, renewal, reissue which have been or may be filed on improvements of said application that may be granted to us therefore. Further, we hereby authorize the above-mentioned assignee to insert in this instrument the identifying serial number and filing date of our said application when received.

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We hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue said Letters Patent in accordance with this Assignment.

WITNESS my hand and seal this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of December, 1999.

Brian Feeney  
Brian Feeney

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS )

) SS: Chicopee

COUNTY OF HAMPDEN )

On this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of December, 1999, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared the above named Brian Feeney, to me known to be the person who executed the foregoing Assignment and who has acknowledged the same to be his free act and deed.

Laura Nolan  
Notary Public Signature  
My Commission Expires: 3/18/2005

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Thomas J. Kennedy, III  
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On this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of December, 1999, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared the above named Thomas J. Kennedy, III, to me known to be the person who executed the foregoing Assignment and who has acknowledged the same to be his free act and deed.

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R. Dennis Nesbitt  
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On this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of December, 1999, before me, a Notary Public,  
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